Development Assistance Authority in the Department; providing for the membership of the Authority; specifying the powers and duties of the Authority; requiring the establishment of an annual list of eligible industry sectors; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Authority; requiring the Department to convene a certain study panel; requiring the Department to make certain reports; providing that the Fund is a growth-related project for purposes of determining the priority of State funding of capital projects; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund.

## BY adding to

Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development

Section 5-1301 through 5-1306, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 13. Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund"

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(1998 Replacement Volume)

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement

Section 5-7B-01(d)(1)(iii)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development

SUBTITLE 13. MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY AND FUND.

5-1301.

- (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
- (B) "AUTHORITY" MEANS THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY.
- (C) "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND.
- (D) "PRIORITY FUNDING AREA" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5 7B 02 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.
- (E) (D) (1) "WORKING CAPITAL" MEANS FUNDS TO BE USED FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF A BUSINESS.